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SUBJECT: US-SOVIET SEMINAR IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

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1. WE HAVE RECRUITED HIGH LEVEL TWELVE-PERSON DELEGATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SEMINAR(PLS NOTE THIS IS NEW DESIGNATION WHICH USDEL PREFERS) AND ARE PREPARING TO SEND LETTER FROM DEPT TO DELEGATES OUTLINING PLANS. SINCE US DELEGATES ARE ALL EXTREMELY BUSY PEOPLE IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF SOVIETS CAN CONFIRM DATES OF SEMINAR ASAP. WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING FOR DELEGATION TO ASSEMBLE IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 FOR BRIEFING AT DEPT, DEPART WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 PA 106, AND ARRIVE MOSCOW NOVEMBER 29 VIA BA 824 FROM LONDON. WE UNDERSTAND SOVIETS DO NOT LIKE TO RECEIVE DELEGATIONS ON WEEKEND, BUT WOULD POINT OUT THAT DELEGATION WILL NOT REQUIRE PROGRAMMING OVER WEEKEND. THIS SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT THEM TO START THE TWO WEEK PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 1 WELL RESTED. DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW WOULD BE DECEMBER 13.

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2. BRONFENBRENNER PLANNING ARRIVE LENINGRAD SEPTEMBER 24

AND WILL BE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 3 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTRY AND PEDAGOGICAL ACADEMY OFFICIALS. HE WILL CONTACT GEIS IN LENINGRAD AND NOAH IN MOSCOW, AND WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENT WITH MINED OFFICIALS AND OTHERS WHO CAN DISCUSS SEMINAR. COCHAIRMAN OF USDEL WILL BE BRONFENBRENNER AND DR. JOHN MAIER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, HEW.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY RAISE WITH MINED POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING USDEL TO FOURTEEN. IN ORDER HAVE BETTER REPRESENTATION OF THE SEVERAL US GROUPS INTEREST IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, WE WOULD HOPE TO ADD A THIRTEENTH MEMBER WHO IS MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED. IN ADDITION, COLETTE SHULMAN, CONSULTANT TO THE JOHNSON FOUNDATION (AND A RUSSIAN SPEAKER) WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH THE DELEGATION AND THE FOUNDATION IS PREPARED TO COVER HER COSTS IN USSR IF SOVIETS CANNOT. SINCE JOHNSON FOUNDATION HAS HIGH INTEREST IN THE SEMINAR AND IS PREPARED TO COVER SOME OF THE COSTS OF RETURN SEMINAR IN THE US, WE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO INCLUDE MRS. SHULMAN AS OFFICIAL MEMBER OF DELEGATION AS FULL MEMBER, WITH SOVIETS PAYING HER COSTS. ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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